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ASPHERICAL LENSES**

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 3, 2005, kindly consider the following remarks.

**RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The Examiner has required restriction among the following inventions required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: Claims 1-40, 43-62, drawn to a REMA objective, classified in class 359, subclass 656; or

Group II: Claims 41-42, drawn to a microlithography projection apparatus, classified in class 359, subclass 649.

In response, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-40, 43-62), which are drawn to a REMA objective, classified in class 359, subclass 656, **with traverse**.


**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above remarks, withdrawal of this restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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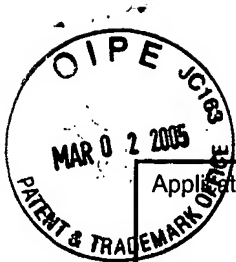
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